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## MEDIA RELEASE

Date:

Friday, August 25, 2006

Time:

11:30 a.m.

Place:

Intersection of River and North Kukui Streets

Who:

Councilmember Rod Tam, Police Department, Downtown

Neighborhood Board, State Legislators, Kekaulike Courtyard

residents.

What:

Chief of Police support for the expansion of the Downtown

Prostitution Free Zone.

Per State HRS Section 712-1207, the Chief of Police must recommend any changes to the current boundaries of the established "prostitution free zones" before the City Council can amend those boundaries. My office has received Chief Correa's letter recommending a boundary change to expand the current western boundary of the Downtown "prostitution free zone" from Nuuanu Ave. to Aala Street.

My office will immediately begin the legislative process to amend the boundary of the Downtown "prostitution free zone" in order to address the health and safety concerns of downtown residents and citizens. My thanks goes out to the downtown residents, businesses, Downtown Neighborhood Board, State Legislators and Police Department for acting quickly to get this legislation moving.

For more information contact Councilmember Rod Tam at 216-5454 (cell).